

Amendments to the Claims:

1 (currently amended): A method for utilizing a shorthand term dictionary service, comprising:

initiating a shorthand dictionary service from within a document creation application;

entering a shorthand term to be defined directly from within a the document creation application; wherein the document creation application includes a first window that includes a writing area and a second window that includes a search box and a list box that is are displayed in response to the shorthand dictionary service being initiated and after the first window is displayed; ~~wherein entering the shorthand term to be defined directly from within the application comprises entering the shorthand term within the search box;~~

displaying a list of available dictionary services within the second window;

receiving a selection from the displayed list of available dictionary services that indicates a dictionary service to search for the shorthand term;

~~accessing a dictionary service;~~

~~attempting to obtain a definition of the shorthand term; and~~

determining when the shorthand term is entered in the search box of the second window; and when the shorthand term is entered within the search box of the second window performing actions, including:

accessing the dictionary service;

attempting to obtain a definition of the shorthand term;

displaying the definition of the shorthand term within the list box of the second window without replacing the shorthand term entered in the search box; and

inserting the definition into the writing area of the first window at a current cursor position within the writing area of the document creation application; and

determining when the shorthand term is entered within the writing area of the first window; wherein determining when the shorthand term is entered within the writing area of the first window includes receiving a selection indicating to define the shorthand term; and when the shorthand term is entered within the writing area of the first window, performing actions, including:

accessing the dictionary service;

attempting to obtain a definition of the shorthand term;

displaying the definition of the shorthand term within the list box of the second window;

receiving a selection of the definition of the shorthand term within the list box of the second window;

in response to the selection of the definition of the shorthand term, providing a first option to insert the selected definition into the first window at a current cursor position within the writing area and providing a second option to copy the selected definition;

determining when the first option is selected and when the first option is selected inserting the definition into the writing area of the first window at the cursor position without replacing the displayed definition within the list box of the second window.

2 (currently amended): The method of Claim 1, wherein the list of available dictionary services include dictionaries in different languages including English, French, Italian, German and Spanish. ~~shorthand term is a Short Messaging Service (SMS) term.~~

3 (currently amended): The method of Claim 1, wherein providing the first option and the second option comprises displaying the first option and the second option withing a drop down menu. ~~entering the shorthand term to be defined directly from within the application further comprises entering the shorthand term within a search box.~~

4 (previously presented): The method of Claim 1, wherein entering the shorthand term to be defined directly from within the application further comprises selecting a shorthand term from within the application by highlighting the shorthand term.

5 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein accessing the dictionary service, further comprises accessing at least one dictionary over a network that is searched.

6 (currently amended): The method of Claim 5, wherein the available dictionary services include dictionaries other than shorthand dictionaries ~~network is the Internet~~.

7 (original): The method of Claim 5, wherein displaying the definition of the shorthand term within the application further comprises making the definition selectable from within the application.

8 (original): The method of Claim 6, further comprising inserting the definition into the application when the definition is selected.

9 (currently amended): A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for utilizing a shorthand term dictionary service, the instructions comprising: comprising:

initiating a shorthand dictionary service from within a document creation application;

entering a SMS shorthand term to be defined directly from within a document creation application; wherein the document creation includes a first window containing a writing area and a second window that includes a search box and a results area that are displayed in response to the shorthand dictionary service being initiated and after the first window is displayed; ~~wherein entering the SMS shorthand term to be defined directly from within the application comprises entering the shorthand term within the search box in the second window;~~

determining when the shorthand term is entered in the search box of the second window; and when the shorthand term is entered within the search box of the second window performing actions, including:

accessing a dictionary service over a network;

obtaining a definition of the shorthand term;

providing the definition to the application; and

displaying the definition of the shorthand term within the results area of the second window without replacing the entered SMS shorthand term; and inserting the definition into the writing area of the first window[[:]] ;

determining when the shorthand term is entered within the writing area of the first window and when the shorthand term is entered within the writing area of the first window, performing actions, including:

accessing the dictionary service over the network;
obtaining the definition of the shorthand term; and
displaying the definition of the shorthand term within the results area of the
second window.

10 (currently amended): The computer-readable medium of Claim 9, wherein when the shorthand term is entered within the writing area further includes: receiving a selection of the definition of the shorthand term within the results area of the second window; in response to the selection of the definition of the shorthand term, providing a first option to insert the selected definition into the first window at a current cursor position within the writing area and providing a second option to copy the selected definition; determining when the first option is selected and when the first option is selected inserting the definition into the writing area of the first window at the cursor position without replacing the displayed definition within the list box of the second window ~~wherein entering the SMS shorthand term to be defined directly from within the application further comprises entering the shorthand term within a search box.~~

11 (previously presented): The computer-readable medium of Claim 9, wherein entering the SMS shorthand term to be defined directly from within the application further comprises highlighting the shorthand term.

12 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 8, wherein accessing the dictionary service, further comprises accessing at least one dictionary of shorthand terms.

13 (currently amended): The computer-readable medium of Claim 12, further comprising displaying a list of available dictionary services and receiving a selection from the displayed list of available dictionary services that indicates the dictionary service to search for the shorthand term ~~wherein the network is the Internet.~~

14 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 12, wherein displaying the definition of the shorthand term within the application further comprises making the definition selectable from within the application.

15 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 13, further comprising inserting the definition into the application when the definition is selected.

16 (currently amended): A system for a shorthand dictionary service, comprising:
a first computing device that is coupled to a network and that includes a dictionary service application that is configured to perform actions, including:

receiving a shorthand term from a second computing device; wherein the shorthand term is received directly from within an application on the second computing device having a writing area that is within a first window and a search box and a list box that is within a second window that is displayed in response to a shorthand dictionary service being initiated on the second computing device and after the first window is displayed; ~~wherein the shorthand term is entered within the search box of the second window;~~

determining when the shorthand term is entered in the search box of the second window; and when the shorthand term is entered within the search box of the second window performing actions, including:

searching for a definition of the shorthand term within a dictionary; and

providing a result within ~~a results area~~ the list box of the second window based on the search; wherein the result is displayed within the application on the second computing device without replacing the shorthand term entered within the search box; and providing an option to copy the definition and insert the definition into the writing area of the first window; and

determining when the shorthand term is entered within the writing area of the first window and when the shorthand term is entered within the writing area of the first window, performing actions, including:

obtaining the definition of the shorthand term within the dictionary; and

displaying the definition of the shorthand term within the list box of the second window.

17 (currently amended): The system of Claim 16, wherein when the shorthand term is entered within the writing area further includes: receiving a selection of the definition of the shorthand term within the results area of the second window; in response to the selection of the definition of the shorthand term, inserting the definition into the writing area of the first window at a current cursor position without replacing the displayed definition within the list box of the second window ~~wherein the shorthand term is received directly from within the application on the second computing device, further comprises receiving the shorthand term from the search box.~~

18 (previously presented): The system of Claim 16, wherein the shorthand term is received directly from within the application on the second computing device, further comprises selecting the shorthand term from within writing area of the application by highlighting the shorthand term.

19 (currently amended): The system of Claim 17, in response to the selection of the definition providing a first option to insert the selected definition into the first window at the current cursor position within the writing area and providing a second option to copy the selected definition~~16, wherein the network is the Internet.~~

20 (currently amended): The system of Claim 19, wherein the dictionary is selectable by a user and wherein a list of dictionaries including dictionaries in different languages is included to be selectable. ~~wherein displaying the result, further comprises displaying the result such that a definition of the shorthand term is selectable.~~

21 (currently amended): The system of Claim 20, further comprising replacing the shorthand term with the definition of the shorthand term in the writing area of the first window ~~inserting the definition into the writing area of the application on the second computing device when the definition is selected.~~